

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 24, 2020

Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Grant

On January 14th at Seven Feathers Convention Center in Canyonville the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation awarded \$474,650 to 70 non-profit organizations located in Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lane Counties. The Cottage Grove Economic and Business Improvement District was awarded a \$5,000 grant to help with the exterior improvements to the Cottage Grove Armory.

The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation was founded in 1997 and began its philanthropic efforts in 1998. To date the Foundation has awarded \$18,980,024 to seven southwestern Oregon counties from which it accepts grant requests. Grants are awarded semi-annually, in January and June.

The mission of the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation is to offer assistance in youth education, strengthen youth and family, provide for positive youth development, and add to the quality of life for people in southwestern Oregon.

Thank you EBID for your support of the Armory Restoration and thank you to the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation for supporting the project.

Real ID

This important information was shared by the State of Oregon.

Something big is happening October 1, 2020. If you aren't paying attention, it might mean missing your flight out of Eugene or any other airport across the U.S.

On October 1st the Transportation Security Administration, or TSA, will begin requiring a new type of identification to board a commercial aircraft. The new ID must be compliant with something called the Real ID Act. It's designed to keep us safer in the air, and if you try to board an aircraft using your current Oregon driver license starting in October – it won't work. That's because the current Oregon driver license is not Real ID compliant.

Oregon DMV will begin offering a Real ID option on July 6, 2020. To fulfill the demand of nearly one million Oregonians who will want the Real ID option, DMV would have to issue 32 licenses a second every business day from July to October. That's just not possible.

If you don't have a Real ID compliant form of ID at the airport, TSA will put you through an alternate identity verification process that could take an hour or more, and you could miss your flight.

There is an answer for Oregonians: obtain and use a passport or passport card. The cost of getting a new passport card is roughly equal to that of getting a replacement license with the Real ID option – and you can apply now at one of over 76 acceptance sites across Oregon.

To find out more, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/realid>.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, January 27th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Youth Town Hall

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be holding a Youth Town Hall on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Cottage Grove City Council Chambers. This will be the second youth town hall that the YAC has sponsored. The town hall is planned to center around the topic of youth mental health. Youth from throughout the community are invited to attend and share their comments and concerns with adult community leaders.

Senior and Disability Services

The City Manager and Community Coordinator met with representatives from Senior and Disability Services to discuss possible locations for new offices in Cottage Grove. With the closure of the pool in the Community Center we are exploring the option of having their services located in the Community Center.

Another Internet List

The internet is awash with lists that range from the best cat videos to the worst pair of socks. One list you may want to check out is "60 Charming American Towns You Haven't Heard of But Should Visit ASAP" located on the House Beautiful site at: <https://www.housebeautiful.com/lifestyle/g3655/small-american-town-destinations/>. Be sure to check out #2 on the list.

Continued Work on Armory Facade

Within the next two weeks, Pioneer Waterproofing will be mobilizing their equipment to begin the second phase of the Armory Exterior Facade Restoration Project. This time around, they will be focusing upon completing the masonry restoration and repainting of the Washington Avenue facade and the second floor facades facing both Washington Avenue and S. 7th Street. The project includes the removal of the lead-based paint from the exterior walls, repairing cracks in the masonry wall, resealing joints, restoring the decorative panels and cornice work, and repainting the facade and windows. Architect Sue Licht is acting as project manager. If you have any questions regarding the facade restoration project, please contact City Planner, Amanda Ferguson at (541)942-3340.

Historic Landmarks Commission Appointment

At the January 13, 2020 City Council meeting, Lloyd Williams was appointed to a 3-year term. The Council also voted to appoint Steve Kleiner to the Commission if a vacancy appeared on the Commission within 6 months. At the January 21st public meeting of the Historic Landmarks Commission, Commissioner Cari King announced that she was stepping down from the Commission, as she has moved to eastern Oregon. Steve Kleiner will take Cari's vacated position.

Main Street Fundraiser

Buy your sweetie a heart for the Hearts on Main fundraiser for Main Street Cottage Grove. Bright red hearts with personalized messages will be hung along the historic district of Main Street, just in time for Valentine's Day. You can order it at <https://donorbox.org/hearts-on-main>. You have the option of buying one side of the heart for \$25 or two sides of the heart for a total of \$40. Proceeds will support Main Street Cottage Grove's events and activities including Halloween, Small Business Saturday Turkey Drop and Christmas in CG. Thanks.



Quote of the Week

“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.”

~Maya Angelou~